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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION

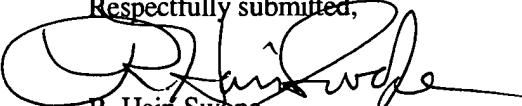
Sir:

It is requested that the three-month shortened statutory period set for responding to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, be extended for an additional one-month period to and including August 7, 2003 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3839 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the herein-requested One Month Extension of Time. No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments. This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

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